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SUBJECT: CULTURAL PRESENTATIONS (CU/ARTS): LOS ANGELES PHIL-
HARMONIC ORCHESTRA (LAPO)

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1. WE CONVEYED THE SUBSTANCE OF THE REFTEL TO VICE DIRECTOR KRYSTYNA ORCHOWSKA OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COOPERATION WITH FOREIGN COUNTRIES OF THE GOP MINISTRY OF CULTURE AND ART TODAY. DIRECTOR ORCHOWSKA EXPRESSED HER REGRET THAT THE USG COULD NOT PROVIDE THE FUNDING FOR THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR THE LAPO AND SAID THAT SHE WOULD ONCE AGAIN SEEK THIS FUNDING FROM THE GOP. SHE ASKED FOR AN EXTENSION OF THE DEADLINE FOR RESPONDING FROM JANUARY 26 TO JANUARY 30 SAYING THAT THE PEOPLE WHO WOULD HAVE TO MAKE THIS DECISION WOULD BE VERY BUSY FOR THE NEXT WEEK AND THAT SHE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING THIS ADDITIONAL TIME TO SEEK THIS FUNDING.

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2. DIRECTOR ORCHOWSKA ALSO SAID THAT IF THE GOP DOES

DECIDE TO FUND THIS INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL THAT THEY WOULD
BE "SETTING A PRECEDENT" IN DOING SO. SHE POINTED OUT
THAT THE GOP HAD TO GIVE UP ITS PLANS TO SEND WARSAW'S
TEATR WIELKI TO THE U.S. DURING THE BICENTENNIAL YEAR
BECAUSE NO U.S. IMPRESARIO HAD BEEN WILLING TO SHARE IN
THE COSTS OF INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR THIS GROUP AND
THAT THE GOP HAD THUS DECIDED THAT IT JUST COULD NOT
AFFORD TO UNDERTAKE THIS ACTIVITY WITHOUT SOME SUPPORT
IN THIS AREA. SHE SAID THAT IN LIGHT OF THAT DECISION
IT WOULD BE VERY DIFFICULT FOR HER TO SECURE FUNDING FOR
PART OF THE INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FOR THE LAPO BUT THAT
SHE WAS WILLING TO MAKE THE EFFORT. PLEASE
ADVISE CONCERNING THE DEADLINE EXTENSION.
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